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WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE FOR NATIONAL AIDS CONTROL PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has approved any support for the third phase of National AIDS Control Programme (NACP);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of patients treated for AIDS in the country since the inception of the programme, State-wise; and

(d) the achievements expected to be made through the third phase of National AIDS Control Programme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The World Bank has agreed to provide a support of USD 250 millions as part of pooled funds for implementation of III Phase of National AIDS Control Programme (NACP).

(c) Till July 2007, 118750 patients have been ever started on Antiretroviral Treatment (ART) since inception of the programme in April, 2004. State-wise number of patients treated are given in Statement -1.

(d) Under NACP-III (2007-12), a comprehensive plan has been developed to prevent and treat HIV/AIDS in the country through various interventions. Main features of the scheme are:

i) Targetted inventions of high risk population and bridge population;

ii) Prevention of mother to child transmission;

iii) Early detection of persons infected with HIV through counseling and testing;

iv) Providing care, support and treatment to eligible HIV/AIDS cases;

v) Blood safety measures;

vi) Use of condom for prevention of STIs and HIV infections;

vii) Public awareness for protection from HIV infections and reduction in stigma;

viii) Mainstreaming of programme with other departments, sectors and public private partnerships.